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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), IT

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ROME, SEPTEMBER 9-10 -  
SCHEDULING

1. SUMMARY: THIS CABLE CONTAINS GUIDANCE FOR EMBASSY IN DEVELOPING THE SECRETARY'S ROME SCHEDULE.
2. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH VATICAN OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY TO PAY A CALL ON THE POPE AT CASTEL GANDOLFO DURING HIS ROME STOPOVER. SARROS SUGGESTS YOU CALL MONSIGNOR SILVESTRINI, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, OR IN HIS ABSENCE, MONSIGNOR MONDUZZI, THE POPE'S AUDIENCE OFFICER. FYI. SARROS WILL ARRIVE IN ROME THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, FOR FOLLOW-UP ON DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS. END FYI.

3. IF IT IS AGREEABLE TO THE POPE, SECRETARY'S CALL COULD

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PERHAPS TAKE PLACE AFTER THE LUNCH GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI. THIS WOULD ALLOW PARTY TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO CIAMPINO FOR DEPARTURE (SEE BELOW).

4. THE SECRETARY WOULD PREFER NOT TO HOLD A FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE BUT IS WILLING TO TAKE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE PRESS EITHER ON CONCLUSION OF HIS TALKS

WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER (PREFERRED)  
OR AT CIAMPINO PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

5. THE SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE ACCEPT INVITATION TO STAY  
AT RESIDENCE.

6. MRS. VANCE WOULD PREFER NOT RPT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
OFFICIAL SCHEDULE, NOR DOES SHE DESIRE ANY FORMAL PROGRAM  
FOR HERSELF. SHE WILL, HOWEVER, DEFER TO ITALIANS SHOULD  
THEY REQUEST HER PRESENCE AT A PARTICULAR EVENT. SHE  
WOULD ALSO WISH TO BE PRESENTED TO THE POPE, IF POSSIBLE.

7. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN AND VATICAN AUTHORI-  
TIES, EMBASSY SHOULD DEVELOP AND FORWARD AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE TO DEPARTMENT AN OUTLINE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRE-  
TARY'S STOP BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: 9:40 P.M. ARRIVE ROME, CIAMPINO;  
NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT; PROCEED TO RESIDENCE.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER  
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER; MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF  
MEMBERS; LUNCH GIVEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER; CALL ON POPE;  
DEPARTURE FROM CIAMPINO AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M. VANCE

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